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Carbondale Man Chances Upon Long-Missing Historical Marker

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Carbondale — Skip Race didn't think much of it at the time when he discovered a small sign half-buried in debris on Salem Mountain in early September. Since the mountain has been littered with garbage for the past several years, he didn't think he had discovered anything unusual.

But after reading an article in last Friday's *Times*, Race realized that he had chanced upon an important find — the missing "Carbondale" historical marker.

In last Friday's *Times*, it was reported that only one of the three Carbondale historical markers was standing — the one located in the Whites Crossing area. According to the Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall, another marker that used to stand along Route 6 in Childs was recently knocked over and badly damaged by a motor vehicle while a marker that used to stand along Fallbrook Road at 43rd Street had disappeared several years ago.

However, after reading Friday's article, Race notified the Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall that he knew where the missing marker was. According to Race, he had been walking on Salem Mountain with his children, Kim, Dawn and Shannon, when he noticed a marker under some debris. He said he thought nothing of it at first but later realized what it was after reading *The Times* article. Last Friday evening, Race recovered the marker and delivered it to the restoration committee who will have the marker restored and installed in Carbondale.

When asked for his reaction to the recovery of this historical marker, S. Robert Powell, the president of the restoration committee remarked, "Not only does this historical marker chronicle an important chapter in Carbondale's history, the sign itself is an integral and highly important component of our cultural inheritance. Every citizen of Carbondale owes Skip Race a vote of thanks."

Powell also announced that the historical marker that used to stand along Route 6 in Childs has been restored by the committee and that it was to be installed next to City Hall and formally dedicated today at 10 a.m. in a public ceremony.